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From: 
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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Bill Signings

On December 29, 2007, President Bush signed S. 2499, the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Extension Act, which reauthorizes SCHIP through March 31, 2009. It includes \$1.6 billion in additional FFY 2008 SCHIP funding and up to \$275 million in FFY 2009 funding to provide sufficient funding to states, such as California, which, otherwise, would experience funding shortfalls. Without increased SCHIP funds, California would have to begin reducing enrollment in its Healthy Families Program in the current State fiscal year. The bill also extends the Transitional Medical Assistance Program through June 30, 2008, and prohibits the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from taking any action to promulgate, finalize, or implement its proposed Medicaid rehabilitative services and school-based services regulations before July 1, 2008.

On December 26, 2007, the President signed H.R. 2761, which reauthorizes the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) through 2014. TRIA, which was enacted in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks requires the Federal government to cover losses from a foreign terrorist attack that exceeds a threshold of \$100 million.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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c: All Department Heads
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